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How to find audio/video Codec's on YOUR Windows XP PC!

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My email box often has requests for information on how to find exactly what **Audio** and **Video** codec's are installed on a users PC.

NB - If you are **NOT** familiar with codec's then read this page:

<http://www.updatexp.com/codec-for-windows-media-player-9.html>

To find this hidden information on your system, you will need to open the **Sound** and **Devices** box.

(I am assuming that you are in the *native* Windows XP "look" to follow these instructions.)

To open **Sound** and **Devices** box. simply:

Go to the **START MENU**

Select **CONTROL PANEL**

Select **SOUNDS, SPEECH & AUDIO DEVICES**

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Select **SOUND & AUDIO DEVICES**

The following Sound and Devices window will then appear:

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[C00D11CD](#)

[0x800A138F](#)

[0x8007007E](#)

[0x80072EE2](#)

[0x80072EFD](#)

[800C0008](#)

[0x8DDD0018](#)

[0xc00d1199](#)

[c00d11ba](#)

[0x800B0004](#)

[wmpdxm-dll](#)

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[rstrui entry point](#)

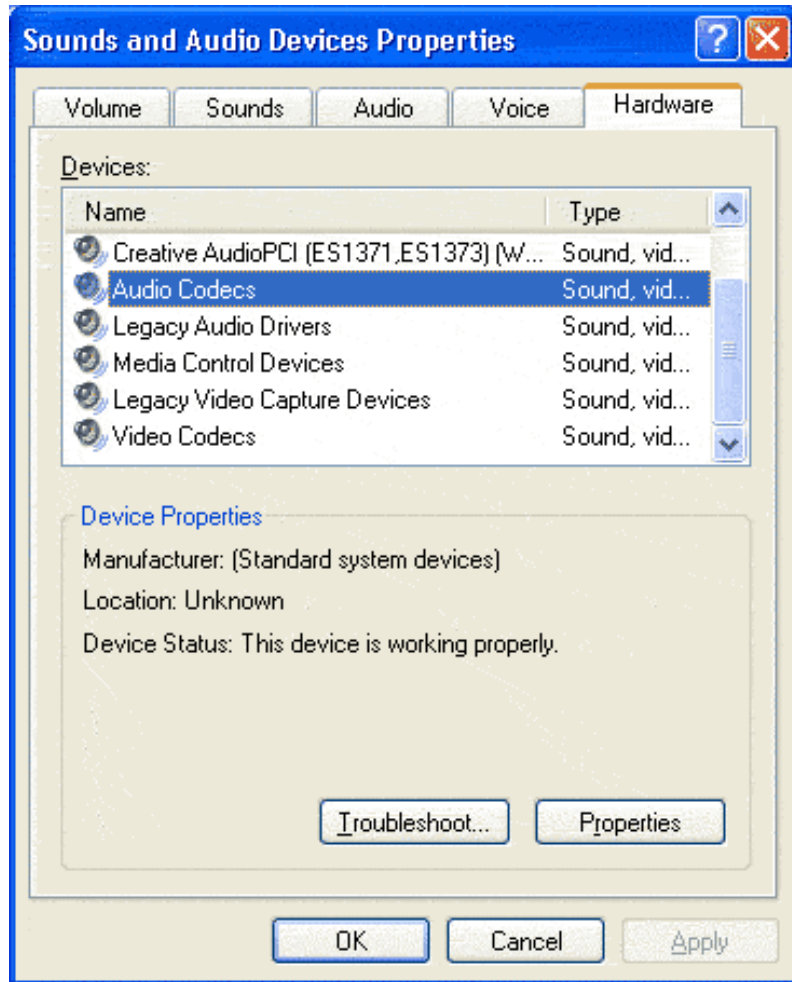
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Hardware Tab - Sounds & Audio Devices Box

Along the top of the box you will see 5 tabs. You will need to select the **Hardware** tab.

This will then display a list of information. The 2 parts we are interested in are:

Audio Codecs and **Video Codecs**

Select **Audio Codecs** from the list and then click the **Properties** button.

The following **Audio Codecs Properties** window will appear:

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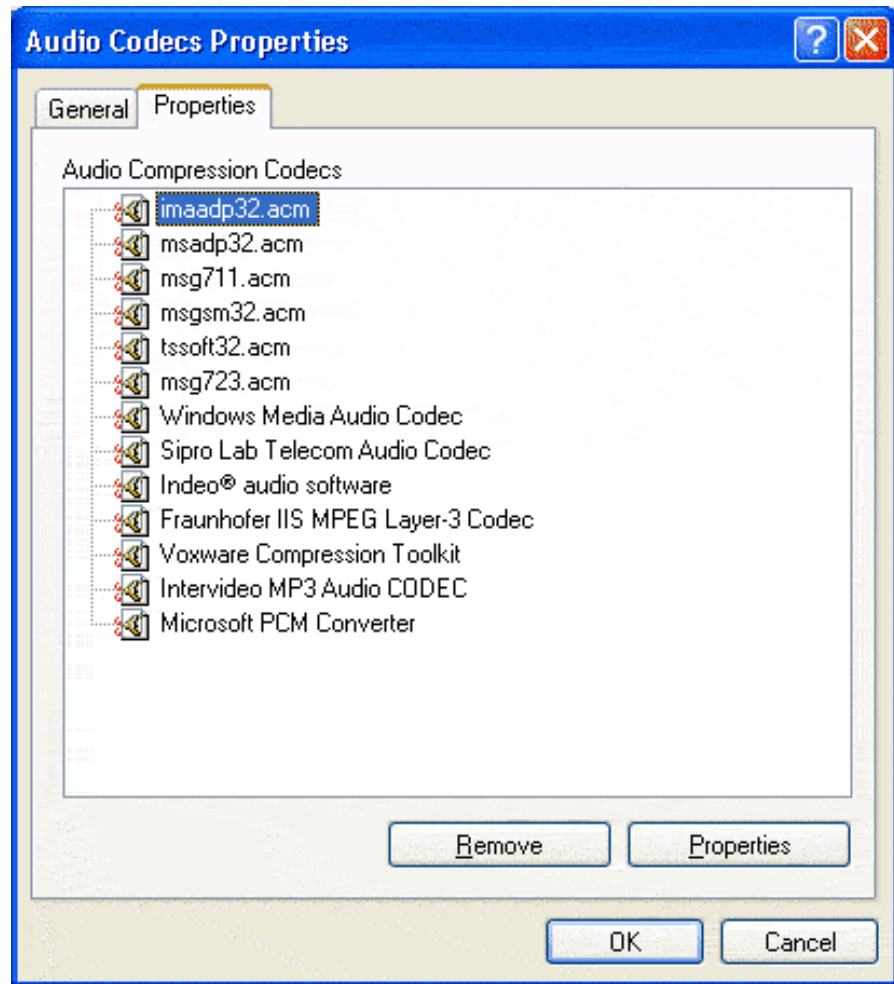
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Audio Codec Properties Tab

Now you see the complete list of **Audio Codecs** installed on your PC. By selecting each codec and then clicking the **Properties** button you will get a new window appear just like this one:



Individual Codec Properties Window

This window shows you more information about each individual codec installed on your system. For instance, is it enabled and functioning correctly? It also allows you to perform some *basic* troubleshooting, by allowing you to disable the codec, if you suspect it of causing problems on your system!

These same instructions can be followed to view and troubleshoot the **Video Codecs** installed on your system!

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